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ROME FOR THE SECRETARY

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT

1. FAHMY ASKED ME TO CALL AT 1330 TODAY. HE RELATED THAT PRESIDENT SADAT IS SICK IN BED WITH A BAD COLD. AS A RESULT, THE PRESIDENT WILL NEITHER MEET NOR HOST THE STATE DINNER FOR MUJIBUT RAHMAN AS PLANNED EARLIER. INSTEAD VICE PRESIDENT HUSSEIN SHAFEEI WILL DO SO. BECAUSE OF THIS CHANGE, THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU FOR A HALF HOUR OR SO SOON AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL AS CONVENIENT FOR YOU. SO FAR AS TALK WITH FAHMY IS CONCERNED, THERE WILL OPPORTUNITY IN THE CAR GOING TO AND COMING FROM GIZA AND AFTERWARDS IF YOU WISH.

2. RE SECTO 462 (ROME 15228), FAHMY READILY ACCEPTED THE IDEA THAT THERE BE NO RPT NO LATE DINNER TONIGHT AND THAT YOU WOULD EAT ON THE AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, HE OFFERS YOU THE POSSIBILITY OF GOING TO THE SHERATON FOR A DRINK AND A NEW SHOW AFTER YOUR MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT IF YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER WISH TO DO SO. HE ASKED ME TO STRESS THAT THE DECISION IS ENTIRELY UP TO YOU AND THAT HE ALSO UNDERSTANDS YOUR TIGHT SCHEDULE. YOU CAN TELL HIM WHAT YOU WISH TO DO AT TAHRA PALACE AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL. (FAHMY ALSO HAS A BAD COLD.)

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3. IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S ILLNESS, THE MORNING SCHEDULE HAS ALSO BEEN CHANGED. YOUR FIRST MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO 1100 (VICE 0930) AND WILL STILL TAKE PLACE AT GIZA. THEREAFTER AT 1300, FAHMY WILL HOST A LUNCHEON FOR 10 AT HIS APARTMENT. BESIDE THE FAHMYS, GUESTS WILL BE MRS. SADAT, YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER, ASHRAF MARWAN, AMB MAHMOUD ABDUL GHAFAR, JOE SISCO AND MY WIFE AND ME.

4. NOTE: BECAUSE OF MY UNEXPECTED SUMMONS BY FAHMY, I COULD NOT MEET GEORGE SHULTZ AT THE AIRPORT AS PLANNED, BUT MERRICK MET HIM AND IS ESCORTING HIM. I HAVE MADE AN EMBASSY CAR AVAILABLE TO HIM AND WE HAVE ARRANGED WHAT SHOULD BE A FULL AND USEFUL SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS. WE HAVE TENTATIVELY PLANNED THAT HE BREAKFAST WITH YOU TOMORROW, DEPENDING UPON YOUR CONFIRMATION.  
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